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SUBJECT: SVN REFUGEES ABOARD JAPANESE MV. SHOKO MARU

REF: MEDAN 0534, 0545, 0553 AND STATE 236685

ON OCT 21 SHOKO MARU ARRIVED YOKOHAMA CARRYING 14 REFUGEES INCLUDING 8 CHILDREN. REFUGEES WERE INTERVIEWED AT EMBASSY OCT 22. THEY LEFT SVN AS A GROUP SEPT 23 ABOARD LIFE RAFT MADE OF 36 OIL DRUMS, AND WERE PICKED UP BY THE JAPANESE TANKER SEPT 27. THE VOYAGE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN THE JAPANESE PRESS. REFUGEES ARE:

1. NGUYEN VAN PHONG WHOSE SISTER NGUYEN THI HUONG IS IN US,
2. WIFE NGUYEN THI THANH HOA, 3. CHILDREN NGUYEN VAN PHUOC, NGUYEN VAN LOC, NGUYEN TAN TAI, NGUYEN TAN LOI, NGUYEN NHU HAI, NGUYEN NGOC LONG, NGUYEN THANH VU AND NGUYEN THI THANH MAI, AS WELL AS BUI THU THUY COUSIN OF WIFE. 4. ALSO ON THE SHIP WERE PHAM KIM DINH, BROTHER OF PHAM DINH TRUYEN IN US, 5. NGUYEN THI THANH THUY, COUSIN OF NGUYEN HOANG XUAN AND DOAN KIEU NGA IN US, 6. DOAN KIEU DUNG, SISTER OF DOAN KIEU NGA IN US, 5403 WODDALE AVE SOUTH EDINA, MINN 55424. SINCE ALL OF THESE REFUGEES HAVE RELATIONSHIPS QUALIFYING THEM WITHIN THE EXPANDED CRITERIA OF STATE 236685 THE EMBASSY REQUEST THE DEPT AUTHORIZE GRANTING UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM PAROLE STATUS DESPITE THEIR HAVING DEPARTED FROM

SVN AFTER JULY 1, 1975, AND HAVING BEEN RESCUED BY A
JAPANESE SHIP. ALL WILL HAVE SPONSORS IN THE US.
THE UNCHR AND ICEM REP IN JAPAN HAS BEEN ALERTED TO
LOCATE COUNTRIES OF REFUGE AND THE NEED FOR
TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. MR. STEWART THE ICEM REP IN
HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE FUNDING FOR THEIR TRAVEL IF
PAROLE AUTHORIZED. PREVIOUS REQUESTS TO REMAIN IN
SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA WERE ALL REJECTED.
FALCON CLEARANCES ARE BEING INITIATED BY SEPTEL, SO, IN
THE EVENT THE DEPT AUTHORIZES PAROLE, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE
TO MEET THE OCT 31 DEADLINE.
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